GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Cord Blood Banks
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines with regard to stem cell banking in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of cord blood banks in the country along with number of people availing the facility, State/UT-wise and location-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received a number of complaints regarding any cord blood banks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a): As informed by Central Drugs Standard Control Organization, Directorate General of Health Services, no guidelines with regard to stem cell banking are issued. However, requirements for collection, processing, testing, storage, banking and release of Umbilical cord blood derived Stem Cells is prescribed in Schedule F Part XII-D of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945.

(b): A total of 19 cord blood banks are licensed in the country. State-wise list is placed at Annexure- A.
Source: CDSCO

(c) & (d): Indicative statement of complaints regarding any cord blood banks as information provided by the State Drug Control is at Annexure-B.
Source: CDSCO